

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

By Fincher

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Putnam County Fair upon being named 2008 AAA Champion Fair by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those events that provide education and entertainment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Fair is one such event that recently received the prestigious honor of being named the eighty-second annual AAA Champion Fair from the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time the Putnam County Fair has won the top award in twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee hosts more than fifty fairs each year, which are divided into three categories, A, AA, and AAA class divisions, according to the county's population; the Putnam County Fair is designated in the AAA division and competes against sixteen other fairs in communities with 47,000 residents or more; and

WHEREAS, the award was presented to the Putnam County Fair Board during the 2009 convention held in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Putnam County Fair took place from August seventh through the sixteenth, drawing more than 55,000 attendees during the ten-day event and displaying an exemplary level of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, local sports teams, area banks, and the Putnam County Clean Commission, as well as countless other community members, worked together to make the fair enjoyable for every participant; and

WHEREAS, the fair board worked hard to update the exhibit areas under the grandstand with fresh paint and added an air conditioner to the women's building and the country store, further improving their facilities and creating a welcoming environment for guests; and

WHEREAS, aside from its outstanding level of community involvement and its recent facility updates, the Putnam County fair was recognized and awarded for the return to its agricultural roots displayed in the 2008 fair; and

WHEREAS, one popular exhibit, Farmer for a Day, allowed children to see and pet live animals while learning about agriculture and gleaned important information, such as how to milk a cow; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Fair intends to continue this agricultural theme in 2009, devoting the fair to the further education of Tennessee citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the top fair award in the AAA division, the Putnam County Fair earned first- place awards for the special fair publication, published in the *Herald-Citizen* in August; this marks the publication's second year to win first place; and

WHEREAS, the fair's embroidered shirts, which directed visitors to board members for suggestions or in case they needed assistance, also received a first prize award; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to acknowledge and applaud the hard work and dedication of the Putnam County Fair's staff and volunteers in their ceaseless endeavors to improve the occasion for education and entertainment that is the Putnam County Fair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the staff and volunteers of the Putnam County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Putnam County, congratulate them upon the Fair's most deserved recognition as the recipient of the 2008 AAA Champion Fair Award, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.